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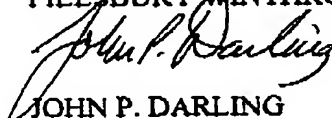
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Sir:

In reply to the Election of Species Requirement dated April 7, 2005, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Species I, Figures 1-14. This election is made with traverse. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 10 and 16 read on the elected species. It is also respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 9, at least, are generic.

Applicants respectfully note that Figures 16-41, and their corresponding description in the specification, were deleted by the Preliminary Amendment filed April 22, 2004. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that only Species I-IV remain in the application.

It is respectfully submitted that the Election of Species Requirement fails to satisfy the criteria for a proper restriction as set forth in MPEP §803. In particular, it is respectfully submitted that there is no serious burden to search and examine the entire application. MPEP §803 states: "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." (Emphasis added.)

It is also respectfully submitted that the Election of Species Requirement should be withdrawn in order to prevent duplicative examination by the Patent Office and unnecessary expense to Applicants.

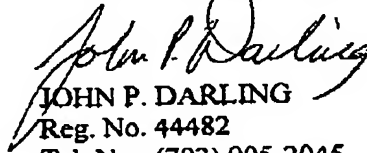
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Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement are respectfully requested.

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